



## East Pikeland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes October 15, 2014

**Attendees:** Jim Garrison, Kris Jommersbach, Jamie Defelice, Jon Gayl, Joanne Moser, and Molly Ruzicka

**Not in Attendance:** Bob Friebel

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The meeting commenced at 7:00 pm. The meeting agenda was presented to the Commission members and the following issues were addressed:

### ***GENERAL***

- **Minutes** - The minutes from the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting was presented and approved.
- **Historical Resource Ordinance** - After reviewing the edits that were presented by Mr. Gayl, the Commission voted (6-0) to approve the changes. The edits will be forwarded to Kim Moretti for her review.
- **French Creek Trail Event** - Joanne Moser, Jon Gayl and Bob Friebel have agreed to participate in the event with a display and answer any questions the French Creek Trail Family Fun Run on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Moser has agreed to contact Kim Moretti to obtain more information about what she would like the Commission volunteers to do. *Update: Due to lack of interest from the public, the event has been cancelled.*
- **2015 Town Tours** - After much discussion, the Commission voted (5-1) not to participate in a 2105 Town Tour. All members were open to resume participation in 2016.
- **Chrisman's Mill** - Thanks to the generosity of local artist Anne Beddrick, we now have a black/white sketch of Chrisman's Mill. An ornament, similar to the two of the Rapps' Dam bridge and Snyder's Mill, is currently in production and will be ready for sale in time for the upcoming Christmas season.
- **Rapps Dam Bridge** - Peter Berg, PennDOT Assistant District Bridge Engineer, informed the township that they have committed to have a temporary roofing structure to be installed over the portion of the bridge to properly support the weatherproofing sheeting where the roofing was removed. This work is expected to be completed within 30 days. They will also continue to monitor the covered bridge until the full rehabilitation occurs especially during the winter to address any further issues that may arise. Mr. Gayl informed the Commission that he has asked that the subject of changing the traffic going over the bridge to "No Trucks/Local Delivery" be put on the Board of Supervisors an upcoming meeting agenda. *Update: Kim Moretti gave the following update - An*

*ordinance would be required to enforce such a regulation. Unfortunately, there is no basis for such an ordinance. We can't just pass an ordinance to say "no trucks." It has to be based on a weight limitation for a bridge and must be based on an engineering analysis. There are no other bridges on Rapps Dam Road and the covered bridge has no weight restriction. PennDOT has deemed that the covered bridge is capable of handling heavy weight due to the steel support system.*

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.  
The next meeting is **November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kris Jommersbach*